

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STANDARDS AND METHODS OF ASSURING HIGH QUALITY CARE

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The following is a description of the methods that will be used to assure that the medical and remedial care and services are of high quality, and a description of the standards established by the State to assure high quality care:

- a.) The State agency will utilize the advice and assistance of the State Medical Assistance Advisory Council, which will consist of both consumers and providers, to establish, maintain and/or improve high quality medical and remedial care standards.
- b.) Services of the Technical and Professional Committees will be similarly utilized to improve the quality of care provided.
- c.) Quality standards set by the State agencies for Crippled Children's and Maternal and Child Health Services are also taken into consideration.
- d.) Levels of compensation for providers of services and medical care supplies are set so as to assure participation of sufficient numbers of qualified providers.
- e.) Payment of transportation costs is provided, thus contributing to the upgrading of care.
- f.) State licensing standards for medical and laboratory facilities will be used as one base to evaluate and improve medical and remedial care.
- g.) Use of professional specialists and consultants.
- h.) Periodic evaluation of medical-social needs, facilities, and services.
- i.) Continuous program evaluation by the State agency of the problems involved in the delivery and cost of medical and remedial care, and services, including the use of such criteria as employed under the Approval by Individual Diagnosis program of the New Jersey Blue Cross Plan, and related procedures.
- j.) The recruitment and training (both in-service training and off-the-job education) of a competent staff for the State agency will allow for continuously improving methods for medical and financial audit of care.

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- k.) Continuing Health Educational Programs including in-service health education for staff.
- 1.) Fostering broadening programs for preventive health care.

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